I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as Express Mail, Airbill No. EV 466145678 US, in an envelope addressed to: MS RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below.

Dated: March 7, 2005 Signature:

Docket No.: IIW-006RCE

(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Kouji Kurosaki et al.

Application No.: 09/915936

Confirmation No.: 8248

Filed: July 25, 2001

Art Unit: 1745

For: FUEL CELL SYSTEM AND PROCESS FOR

CONTROLLING THE SAME

Examiner: S. N. Tsang-Foster

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated October 5, 2004 (Paper No. 20041002), finally rejecting claims 1-10, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.